



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "For it is in giving that we receive."  
~ Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone (St. Francis of Assisi)

September 17, 2014

## American Red Cross Book Sale - Sept. 25-Oct. 9

Volunteers are vital to the annual book sale of the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which will be held at the Fairgrounds from Oct. 2-7. Employee groups, Greek houses, students, clubs, young and old alike can help, and the shifts are only two hours long! Set-up volunteers, who will carry boxes of books, put up signs and organize the concession stands, are needed from Sept. 25-Oct. 1. Sale day volunteers will straighten merchandise, answer questions, carry items to cars or sell refreshments. Tear-down volunteers, needed on Oct. 8 and 9, will box leftover books, stack tables and load trucks. Minimum age is 18. Please contact June Taylor at (812) 332-7292 or [june.taylor@redcross.org](mailto:june.taylor@redcross.org). ([www.redcross.org/in/bloomington](http://www.redcross.org/in/bloomington))

## Adopt A Trail - Deadline Feb. 15

More than 30 trail miles in Bloomington's city parks need periodic inspections and maintenance to remain safe and usable. Volunteers have been valuable in establishing and maintaining these trails for many years. Parks and Recreation staff provide training and equipment to volunteer groups of any size for monthly trail monitoring and annual trail maintenance. Available trails include portions of the Clear Creek Trail, as well as Griffy Lake, Latimer Woods, Southeast Park, Wapehani Mountain Bike, and Winslow Park trails. Volunteers submit monthly reports on trail status, provide maintenance as needed, and participate in at least one volunteer work day per year. Trail inspections can be completed at your leisure. Volunteers must submit an online application by Feb. 15. An orientation takes place in late March with a one-year commitment starting April 1. Please contact Kim Ecenbarger, Bloomington Parks and Recreation Dept., at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov). (<http://bit.ly/AdoptATrail>)

## Shalom Center Hospitality

Hospitality volunteers help with the everyday operations of the Shalom Community Center, distributing guests' mail and messages, answering the phone, and assisting with long-term and day storage. Volunteers also register guests to do laundry, take a shower, see a caseworker and meet with service agency representatives. Minimum age is 18. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org](mailto:volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org) or (812) 334-5734 ext. 23. ([www.shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://www.shalomcommunitycenter.org))

## Adult Basic Education Tutors

Volunteer tutors are needed to assist adult students with math, reading, or writing at the Broadview Learning Center. The schedule is very flexible. At this time, volunteers are needed for evening classes any time between 5-8 p.m. People usually volunteer two to four hours per week with an individual student, under the supervision of the classroom teacher, until the student is ready to test or advance to another class level. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Diana Hoffman at (812) 330-7731 ext. 53187 or [dhoffman@mccsc.edu](mailto:dhoffman@mccsc.edu). ([www.mccsc.edu/adulted](http://www.mccsc.edu/adulted))

## Serve Meals at Community Kitchen

The serving shift at the Community Kitchen of Monroe County is from 3:30-6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Seven volunteers serve the evening meal cafeteria-style and do some clean-up as well, such as sweeping, mopping and taking out the trash. When inquiring about this opportunity - by email or phone - please provide a phone number where you can be contacted. Minimum age is 14; 10 if with an adult. Please contact Debbie Hopson at [debbie@monroecommunitykitchen.com](mailto:debbie@monroecommunitykitchen.com) or (812) 332-0999. ([www.monroecommunitykitchen.com](http://www.monroecommunitykitchen.com))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### My Sister's Closet

Provides free workforce attire to women seeking self-sufficiency through employment, as well as free Success Institute seminars to men & women. Also provides affordably priced casual and workforce attire to the general public. To grant a wish, contact Sandy Keller at [director@sisterscloset.org](mailto:director@sisterscloset.org) or (812) 333-7710. (404 W. 2nd St.; [www.sisterscloset.org](http://www.sisterscloset.org))

**Wishes:** 30 gal. trash bags, Forever stamps, grocery gift cards, AA batteries, Swiffer dry refills, measuring tape, stain remover, shoe polish, ½ page labels, name tags, clear light strings, jewelry

*Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

